

JESUS CHRIST: THE BEGINNING

John 1:1-18

In the Beginning...

1 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God**. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made...
14 **The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.** We have seen his glory, the glory of the **one and only Son**, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth... 18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, **has made him known**.

4 In him was life, and that life was the **light of all mankind**. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...
9 The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not **recognize** him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not **receive** him.

12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave **the right to become children of God**-- 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God... 16 Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. 8 He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light... 15 (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ")

JOHN 20

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ... Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "